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Hi Carlos,

Thanks for your query. You can attribute the statement or part thereof below to me, Cmdr. Alana Garas, U.S. Naval Academy spokeswoman.

Below that are attributable quotes to VADM Buck and Chet Gladchuk.

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For the past several years, the Navy Football team captains have chosen a new internal motto that is meant to set a theme for the upcoming football season.

In the initial motto chosen, "Load the Clip," the 'clip' was intended to be a metaphor for consistent, daily work ethic in preparation for game day. Upon becoming cognizant of how the motto was received externally, the team captains immediately met and proposed another internal motto for the 2019 Navy Football season – "Win the Day" – which speaks similarly to a theme of the consistent, daily work ethic needed for success.

It is always my priority, part of my mission statement, for the Navy to be a good neighbor. The bottom line is, we missed the mark here. The initial internal football team motto selected, 'Load the Clip,' was inappropriate and insensitive to the community we call home, and for that, I take responsibility for, and apologize to not only the Capital Gazette, but the entire Annapolis community." U.S. Naval Academy 63<sup>rd</sup> Superintendent Vice Admiral Sean S. Buck

"Our coaches and midshipmen realized that the direction they were headed created sensitivities that were not aligned with the original intent. Corrective measures were taken immediately and on behalf of the team at large, our sincerest apologies to anyone who was offended. It was a lesson learned and it's important that everything we do at the Naval Academy represents not only appropriate action, but assumed responsibility. We are hopeful we can now put this behind us and 'Win the Day.'" Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk

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